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Fig. 17 is a side view showing a conventional ball chain;

Fig. 18 is a sectional view showing a state in which the ball chain is integrated to an endless track of a slider of a linear guide device;

Fig. 19 is a sectional view showing a state of rolling balls in the case where a load rolling groove of a slider and a ball rolling groove of a track rail are formed in a shape of a circular arc; and

Fig. 20 is a sectional view showing a state of rolling balls in the case where a load rolling groove of the slider and a ball rolling groove of the track rail are

A copy of the marked up amended specification is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

REMARKS

The attached page 10 was inadvertently omitted and is page 10 of the parent application 09/142,139 which was incorporated in its entirety with the filing of this present application. Accordingly, no new matter is added.

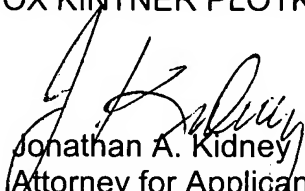
Prompt and courteous examination on the merits is respectfully requested. In view of the applied art cited in previous Office Actions, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the Application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

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MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION

After page 9 and before page 11:

Fig. 12 illustrates a front view and a sectional view showing a sixth embodiment of a ball chain according to the present invention;

Fig. 13 is a front view showing connecting portions according to the sixth embodiment;

Fig. 14 illustrates a front view and a sectional view showing a seventh embodiment of a ball chain according to the present invention;

Fig. 15 illustrates a front view and a sectional view showing an eighth embodiment of a ball chain according to the present invention;

Fig. 16 is a front view showing a conventional ball chain;

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Fig. 19 is a sectional view showing a state of rolling balls in the case where a load rolling groove of a slider and a ball rolling groove of a track rail are formed in a shape of a circular arc; and

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